

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 2nd November 2020** at **7.30pm** held remotely by Zoom video-conferencing.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), S Allen, C Smith, R Abbiss.
Shropshire Cllr. Madge Shineton.

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation – no one joined the meeting.

1) Apologies for absence:

The Localism Act 2011, Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

Sadly, Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell had passed away and Cllr Montague sent email of resignation.

Clerk will advertise these positions after Cllr Hamilton-Russell's funeral as a mark of respect.

2) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020: These were circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED that these be signed as a true record.**

3) Matters Arising:

a) Clerk's update:

Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell:

It was with deep regret that the news of Brian passing away was received. He will be very sadly missed. I have been asked to let the Vicar have some details of his life on the PC as the family don't know much about it, but I will send it out to you all beforehand.

Cllr Beverley Montague:

Sadly, Beverley has resigned. When Beverley joined the PC, she said she would do it until next elections at least, but she did not like the Zoom meetings and as these are likely to carry on, she felt she should resign.

We now have 3 vacancies for Stottesdon and 1 for Sidbury – any recommendations?

Yew tree on Burnt Pitt bend due to be dealt with Wed 4th November.

Hinton Road:

A plan to repair this is being drawn up!!

Poppies have been put up by Mark Pearce.

Thanks to Cllr Powell for checking the defibs.

Zoom package:

1st email from SALC

If you have already downloaded the free version of Zoom, when you log on you will see an option to upgrade to Zoom Pro, if you do this and follow directions, you will have to pay them yourself and claim back from the council, total cost including VAT is £143.88, the council will not be able to reclaim the VAT as payment is going to the United States. I am

happy to go through it with you if you would like me to, whilst you do it, I am around on Thursday and Friday this week if you would like me to help, please let me know.

2nd email from SALC:

You will have to pay using a Debit or Credit card and reclaim the money from the council. If you haven't already done so, I suggest that you download the free Zoom app and when logged in to Zoom, you will be able to go to 'upgrade to Zoom Pro' and you will see that debit or credit cards are the method to pay. Happy to go through this with you if you would like me to.

You can have a Co-host as well as a host so the chairman could host and you could co-host, if that was acceptable to the council. I am happy to set up a test meeting if you would like to see how this works, please let me know if you would like me to do this.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk purchases the package.**

Salary increase:

[REDACTED]

b) Zen Internet cancelled at the Village and the final account of 16.26 has been paid. Village Hall have been notified of this and accepted PC reasons behind this.

c) Surgery car park quote - £240. **RESOLVED that this be accepted, and Clerk was asked to ask Mark Pearce to replace dead hedging and weed the beds. Mark hopes to do work on car park while surgery is closed next week but this depends on other commitments etc.**

d) Yew tree, Burnt Pitt corner – work now due to be carried out on 4th November

e) PCC survey completed by Cllr Powell and returned by Clerk.

f) Any others

4) Financial matters

a) To confirm bank transfer payments from last month

b) Outstanding payments: Clerk's salary, including approved NALC increase (bank transfer - £xxx), HMRC PAYE (bank transfer) - £85.79, ZEN (Internet Account) - £16.26 to cancel. SALC Subs - £362.38, PWLB - £2426.43 (d/d), Data Protection renewal - £40.

Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda.

c) Income since last meeting – 9p interest on deposit account September and October.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals

a) Reference: 20/03782/FUL (validated: 21/10/2020)

Address: 4 Crown Cottages, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NA

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of shed and fencing with double gates

Applicant: Mr Nigel Siviter

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QGY1UTDHDE00>

This was discussed and whilst Cllrs do not favour retrospective planning applications felt that this had been there so long, they found it difficult to object to.

b) Reference: 20/03600/OHL (validated: 08/09/2020)

Address: The Batch, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PX

Proposal: Proposed Diversion of Existing 11LV overhead lines & to 3 phase (3 Wires) approximately 186m

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

c) Any applications received after issue of agenda - no more received.

6) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

- White Paper discussed at SALC and response sent in.
- Zoom meeting today with SALC Exec – a survey will be sent out after Xmas to find out how PC's have coped during the pandemic.
- Shortened AGM via Zoom on Friday 20th November if anyone wants to join in with 2 voting members allowed.
- Alan gave a talk on Carbon Neutral and has offered to join PC Zoom meetings.
- It had been suggested that delegated powers be given to Clerks and Chairman to complete any surveys sent during the pandemic. Cllrs **RESOLVED to delegate powers to Clerk and Chairman to complete surveys.**

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for the report

7) Shropshire Councillor's report: sent out via email from both Shropshire Cllrs. Cllr Shingleton hopes to join later.

8) Parish matters/problems:

- Fly tipping: Garden chair and exercise bench dumped by Duddlewick Bridge – photos sent to SC this morning.
- Hinton Road – the large pothole is dangerous – 1 Cllr drove over this at approx 2mph and still scraped the bottom of his car. There are also numerous potholes further along this road together with deep mud (possibly 4" deep) on the road (not caused by Hinton Farm). This road is very well used with school taxis using this route.
- Sidbury Road from The Old Rectory to the junction to Upper House – potholes and road slipping badly.
- Pickthorn Lane – 2 large potholes
- Honeysuckle Brook road is being churned up very badly at present. We are told that maize being harvested from Fisk's fields at Aston Botterell are using the Hinton Road then turning off at the bottom of Station Road towards Hardwickforge then down Honeysuckle brook, up Oreton Bank then presumably using the Catherton Road coming out at Hillocks and on to the Biodigester south of Cleobury. These are no doubt contractors who completely fill the road with their tractors/trailers and have no respect for whatever damage they are causing and

leaving thick mud on the roads. This needs looking into URGENTLY. We are told that they have made no effort at all to try to clean the roads.

- A 'ridge' appears to have formed in the road by Chorley Village Hall.
- Road between Loughton junction and Duddlewick floods and there are now more holes than surface!

- Thanks for getting the hedge cut on the bridge just before Halfway House Bank – it was noted that the left-hand side coming from the Halfway House bank hasn't been cut.
- Can we please ask that when white linings have been replaced that the signs are removed say 'no white lines'. I know Kinlet area is one.
- The ROAD AHEAD CLOSED on the junction of the main Ludlow/Bridgnorth road is very confusing – you can get to the Down before anything happens – bridge closed? We saw cars/lorries turning on the junction last week. It's bad for businesses along this road i.e. Three Horseshoes, Boyne Arms and Pheasant at Neenton can all be accessed.
- Cllr Smith pointed out that during his 7 years living in the village many of the roads have become worse with not enough funding and money being spent on the 'A' roads not 'B' roads. Cllr Shineton agreed with this comment although we have had 1/2 jobs done very well – Bakers Bank, Walton Bank and Bagginswood-Prescott roads.
- The area around the notice board needs tidying up and the tree needs cutting back which is overhanging the Stotty Strolls noticeboard. **RESOLVED to ask Mark Pearce to tidy this area as this was part of an 'enhancement programme' carried out by BDC.**
- Numerous sycamore trees 'self-rooting' in Glebe Drive – this is STAR Housing.
- Community First Responders – Clerk had been asked to support Highley PC's request that the CFR's are sent out to all category emergencies as their calls have only been to Cat 1 and 2 recently. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to support this as they are vital in our communities.**

7) Shropshire Cllrs report: Cllr Shineton apologised for late arrival. Her latest report had been circulated to Cllrs by Clerk and commented:

- Principals of Future Fit on track, tweaked due to Covid but all parties working together.
- Visiting hours - time reduction for patients and relatives. This will cause mental health and well being problems in the future.
- Highways survey – urged to complete.
- Cllr Shineton was asked what was happening with Shirehall. There are differing opinions on this building as this is considered to be an iconic 1960's building. Some feel SC should vacate and do something with the building while others felt that part of it could be rented off to i.e. the Police. Etc. 3 shopping malls in Shrewsbury have whole floors which could be used. Face to face meetings are needed to discuss this.

9) Correspondence: Emails forwarded to all Councillors, taken as 'noted' unless comments made:

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- Community Reassurance Update from Shropshire Council
- Let's all play a part in reducing the spread of coronavirus
- Risk Assessments - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly ONLINE Webinar - 12th November 2020, 2pm - 4pm

- PCC newsletter: Engaging with the Public

SALC:

- Draft Local Plan - Briefing Paper
- NEWS IN BRIEF
- Bereavement Support for Shropshire Residents – Call **0345 678 9028**
- Understanding Procurement and Writing Simple Contracts and Agreements - ONLINE TRAINING - 3rd December 2020, 10.30am - 1pm
- Community Reassurance Update from Shropshire Council
- Shropshire Council announces Christmas scheme to ensure no child goes hungry
- Planning White Paper
- Shropshire Council welcomes feedback on a draft Community and Rural Strategy
- Presentation to SALC members about the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership
- Health & Activity webinar for Town and Parish Councils

Correspondence since issue of agenda:

SNT contact – Police

Coronavirus testing stations in Bridgnorth

How to Finance your Self-Build Project

Shropshire Garden Party – nomination for someone who has ‘stood out’ in the Community during Covid.

NALC Legal Update - October 2020 – 2nd homes

Chorley Covert Management Plan Consultation – This is a project for Nathan Home. Lots of trees have been cleared and managed properly and **Cllrs were happy to support this project,**

10) Date of next meeting: 23rd November 2020 - Zoom

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

Road Closures:

Road Closure: Brooksmeeing Bridge, Chorley

Start Date: 7th December 2020

End Date: 11th December 2020

Purpose: Bridge repairs

Works Promoter: Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214BR-574614

Enforcement pattern for Brooksmeeing Bridge, Chorley Closure:

Monday - Friday 00:00 - 23:59

Road Closure: B4555 Highley

Start Date: 23rd October 2020

End Date: 30th October 2020

Purpose: Carriageway Resurfacing

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214RS-865828
Enforcement pattern for B4555 Highley:

Road Closure: B4555 Borle Mill junction to B4363 junction

Start Date: 2nd November 2020

End Date: 20th November 2020

Purpose: Site 35. Capital resurfacing works

Works Promoter: Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214RS-865829

Enforcement pattern for B4555 Borle Mill junction to B4363 junction Closure:

Monday - Friday 09:30 - 16:00

Road Closure: B4555, Chelmarsh to Sutton

Start Date: 25th January 2021

End Date: 4th February 2021

Purpose: Site 33. Capital resurfacing works

Works Promoter: Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214RS-865827

Enforcement pattern for B4555 Chelmarsh to Sutton Closure:

Monday - Friday 09:30 - 16:00

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